

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 559, Designating the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston, Massachusetts.

The House passed H.R. 524, Electronic Commerce Enhancement Act.

The House passed H.R. 554, Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 322–339, S. Res. 20–24, and S. Con. Res. 11–14. **Pages S1394–95**

Measures Passed:

Patent, Copyright, and Trademark Laws Technical Corrections: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 12), Senate passed S. 320, to make technical corrections in patent, copyright, and trademark laws. **Pages S1376–84**

President's Trip to Mexico: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 13, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the upcoming trip of President George W. Bush to Mexico to meet with newly elected President Vicente Fox, and with respect to future cooperative efforts between the United States and Mexico. **Pages S1435–37**

Organ and Blood Donations: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 12, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation, and supporting National Donor Day. **Page S1437**

President's State of the Union Address: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 28, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page S1437**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 32, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page S1437**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—12) **Page S1381**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:02 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 15, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1437.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation concluded hearings on Department of Transportation management oversight issues, including transportation safety, stewardship of transportation funding, immediate budget issues, and aviation system performance, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; and John H. Anderson, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure, General Accounting Office.

EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 149, to provide authority to control exports, and examined issues relating to the establishment of an effective, modern framework for export controls, and the impacts of globalization and export controls on national security, after receiving testimony from John J. Hamre, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Donald A. Hicks, Hicks and Associates, McLean, Virginia, on behalf of the Defense Science Board Task Force on Globalization and Security.

COMPETITIVE MARKET SUPERVISION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 143, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission, after receiving testimony from Laura S. Unger, Acting Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission; Marc Lackritz, Securities Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; James E. Burton, California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), Sacramento; and Leopold Korins, Security Traders Association, New York, New York.

INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications held hearings to examine the structure of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, the organization in charge of creating and distributing Internet domain names, and the effort underway to expand available domain names, receiving testimony from Michael M. Roberts, Marina Del Rey, California, and Karl Auerbach, Cisco Systems, San Jose, California, both on behalf of Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers; A. Michael Froomkin, University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, Florida; Roger J. Cochetti, VeriSign, Inc., and Kenneth M. Hansen, NeuStar, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; and Brian R. Cartmell, eNIC Corporation, Seattle, Washington.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

EDUCATION TAX AND SAVINGS INCENTIVES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation that would offer education tax and saving incentives, including related provisions of S. 289, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives for education, S. 133, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance programs, and S. 152, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the 60-month limit and increase the income limitation on the student loan interest deduction, after receiving testimony from Senators McConnell, Sessions, Biden, Schumer, Allen, Hutchinson, Harkin, and Collins; Steven Maguire, Analyst in Public Finance, Government and Finance Division, Congressional Research Service; Kimberly Sheppard, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City, on behalf of the American Dental Association; Tom Carter, West Liberty High School, West Liberty, Iowa; David J. Pearlman, Fidelity Investments, Westlake, Texas; and Janet Parker, Amsouth Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management/Section 127 Coalition.

PRESIDENTIAL PARDONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of recent pardons and commutations granted by President Clinton, including the pardons of Marc Rich and Pincus Green, as well as the pardon process, the role of the Department of Justice, and constitutional and legal issues that could arise from legislative efforts to revise the current system, after receiving testimony from Roger Adams, Pardon Attorney, and Eric H. Holder, Jr., former Deputy Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice; Jack Quinn, Quinn and Gillespie, Washington, D.C.; Benton Becker, University of Miami, Pembroke Pines, Florida; Ken Gormley, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Christopher H. Schroeder, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 114 public bills, H.R. 608–721; 1 private bill, H.R. 722; and 23 resolutions, H.J. Res. 20–21; H. Con. Res. 32–38, and H. Res. 40–53, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston, Massachusetts: The House passed H.R. 559, to designate the United States courthouse located at 1 Courthouse Way in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse.”

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Suspension—Electronic Commerce Enhancement Act: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 524, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to assist small and medium-sized manufacturers and other such businesses to successfully integrate and utilize electronic commerce technologies and business practices, and to authorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology to assess critical enterprise integration standards and implementation activities for major manufacturing industries and to develop a plan for enterprise integration for each major manufacturing industry by a yeas and nays vote of 409 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 14.

Pages H343–48

Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act: The House passed H.R. 554, to establish a program, coordinated by the National Transportation Safety Board, of assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents by a yeas and nays vote of 404 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No 15.

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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 36, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote.

Pages H329–30

Senate Members of the Joint Economic Committee: The House passed S. 279, affecting the representation of the majority and minority membership of the Senate Members of the Joint Economic Committee—clearing the measure for the President.

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President’s Day District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 32, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives

and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Resignations—Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, February 26, 2001, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H348 and H348–49. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 32 adjourned at 5:32 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2001.

Committee Meetings

FARM ECONOMY STATUS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on the current state of the farm economy and the economic impact of federal policy on agriculture. Testimony was heard from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, USDA; and public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 107th Congress.

NETWORKS—ELECTION NIGHT COVERAGE; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing entitled: “Election Night 2000 Coverage by the Networks.” Testimony was heard from officials of various TV Networks, news services and other public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for further organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 107th Congress.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Financial Institutions: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 107th Congress.

OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Census held a hearing on "Oversight of the 2000 Census: The Success of the 2000 Census." Testimony was heard from Bill Barron, Acting Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

STATE DEPARTMENT: IN THE LEAD ON FOREIGN POLICY? COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on State Department: In the Lead on Foreign Policy? Testimony was heard from Representative Rogers of Kentucky; Frank Carlucci, Chairman, Report of an Independent Task Force: "State Department Reform;" and a public witness.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 107th Congress.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 333, amended, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2001; and H.R. 256, to extend for 11 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Resources: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 107th Congress.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Science: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 107th Congress.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 107th Congress.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources met for organizational purposes.

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Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight met for organizational purposes.

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Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures met for organizational purposes.

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Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security met for organizational purposes.

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Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings on Medicare reform and prescription drugs, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings on President Bush's education proposals, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider proposed legislation on bankruptcy reform, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing on the future of farm programs, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled: "Electricity Markets: Lessons Learned from California," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled: "Medicare Reform: Providing Prescription Drug Coverage for Seniors," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, February 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, February 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the recognition of certain Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate expects to consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

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